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What is AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps? The National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is part of AmeriCorps, the network of national service programs that provide opportunities for full-time service in exchange for education awards. In AmeriCorps*NCCC, a ten-month program, members serve on teams and live in dormitory-style residences at one of five campuses located in Charleston, S.C.; San Diego, Calif.; Denver, Colo.; Perry Point, Md.; and Washington, D.C.

What do AmeriCorps*NCCC members do?



Members serve in teams of ten to fifteen to meet the critical needs of urban and rural communities.

Instead of specializing in one form of community service, members participate in projects that deal with issues including environment, public safety, education, and other needs. Many AmeriCorps*NCCC projects focus on protecting and conserving natural resources, and some members are trained to provide disaster relief and fight forest fires.

What's it like to be an AmeriCorps*NCCC member?

Working together, AmeriCorps*NCCC members solve problems, form friendships, and learn lessons that will last a lifetime. Members work long hours, doing hard but important service. They serve in communities near their campuses, but they also travel to other states for short-term projects, called "spikes," which often require camping and "roughing it." Members generally serve five days per week, with two days off. The first few weeks on campus consist of training in areas such as leadership, team building, citizenship, and physical conditioning. Skills for specific projects are taught before members begin their

community efforts. Members generally serve their ten months of service with the same team, and live with one or more roommates.

Who is eligible to join AmeriCorps*NCCC?

AmeriCorps*NCCC is open to young adults ages 18 to 24, who are committed to solving community problems. Members must be citizens, nationals, or lawful permanent resident aliens of the United States. Applications are accepted year-round. Selection is based on the application, personal references, and a telephone interview. All selected applicants undergo drug testing and a background check.

What are the benefits of joining AmeriCorps*NCCC?

Upon successful completion of the program, members receive an education award of \$4,725 to help pay for college, graduate school, or training, or to repay student loans. During the term of service, members receive lodging, meals, uniforms, skills training, limited health benefits, loan forbearance, and a modest living allowance. Members with dependent children may receive matching funds to assist with child care costs. AmeriCorps*NCCC also provides travel to the campus, and back home at the end of service.